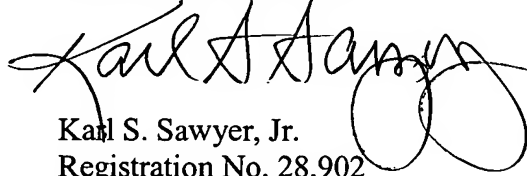


### REMARKS

In the Office Action, restriction of this application has been required under 35 USC 121, to a single invention to be elected from two groups of the 60 claims still pending in this application: (a) Group I Claims 1-47; and (b) Group II Claims 48-60.

In response, the applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute in the present application the invention of Group I, namely, claims 1-47. Accordingly, the applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 48-60 of Group II. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a divisional patent application directed to the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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